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PRESIDENT: Please read, for the final time, LB 574 with the emergency clause.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: To return LB 574 to Select File for specific amendment, that specific amendment being the striking of the enacting clause. Signed, Senator DeCamp.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, before we take up the motion, in order to be completely honest and fair so there's no criticism of my not affording the other people an ample opportunity to put anything they want into the bill, I would ask Senator Stoney does he have any amendments or other things? As I understood they got the bill all corrected like they wanted. I just want to know if there are any final amendments or corrections, or are they willing now to let the bill live or die just on its merits as it is now?

PRESIDENT: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I personally have no amendments for the bill at the present time. I felt, with the amendments that we adopted the other day, most objections with this bill were removed. I might ask Senator DeCamp if he has an amendment that he feels is sufficient to handle any problems with the bill that he might have.

PRESIDENT: Well he's got one on the desk, Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Well I don't care for that particular amendment.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I've got ... yes, I've got one up there. I had one originally in committee which was the original bill that Senator Stoney brought in, but that's been rejected enough times from committee onward that I know it won't go. That was reasonable in my opinion. I'd just go with the one we have there then. As long as there are no others and everybody has had an opportunity now to check the bill and understand its implications. OK? OK.

Mr. President, the other day when I brought up this issue on the bill I suggested that the bill, even though the editorials and other things have called it the "cock fighting bill", dealt with just about everything in the world other than cock fighting. It was unfortunate that we weren't dealing with all the other things this bill dealt with. Cock fighting ... I have no particular feelings either way. I've never seen a cock fight. However, I have read the law and I can read this bill. Passed out to you now is an Attorney General's opinion. The Attorney General's opinion discusses some of those things that I've brought up--police dogs, sheep dogs, falconery. I think Senator Bereuter some time or other mentioned that one of his hobbies in past days was raising the blood lines, raising these chickens, shipping them to other states or whatever. He never faught them. I don't know if he's ever seen a